



RECREATION OPPORTUNITY GUIDE

Olympic National Forest

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Long Trails near Hoodsport

Recommended Season
SPRING SUMMER FALL WINTER



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The following “Long Trails” are located on the southern portion of the Hood Canal Ranger District. These trails are a minimum of 7 miles in length and they provide opportunities for long day hikes or short overnight backpack trips.

MT. JUPITER TRAIL #809

ACCESS: Travel US Highway 101 to Road #92004 (Mt. Jupiter Road) approximately 22 miles north of Hoodsport. Follow Road #92004 for 2.5 miles to the junction with Road #92006 (the left fork). Just north of the intersection is a gate. This gate is on private land and may be locked. When the gate is locked, you must hike the 92006 road 2.5 miles to the trailhead. The roads are steep, winding and can be rough in places. Use of trailers is not possible under any circumstances due to the rough roads and difficulty in turning around.

LENGTH: 7.2 miles. **GRADE:** Gradual to steep. **ELEVATION:** 2,000' to 5,700'.

SETTING: Ridgeline. Last 2 miles of trail is in The Brothers Wilderness. Obey all Wilderness regulations.

OPPORTUNITIES: The lower portion of this trail is excellent for an early season hike due to the early snowmelt on the ridgeline. This trail offers opportunities for day hiking, photographing expansive scenic views and wildflowers and backpacking. The trail gradually climbs the ridgeline with views of the Duckabush Valley, Mt. Jupiter, The Brothers and Hood Canal. After 5 miles, the trail becomes steeper and rougher. From the upper portion of the ridgeline Jupiter Lakes are visible below and from the summit of Mt. Jupiter, panoramic views of the Olympic Mountains and Puget Sound are seen. Routes to Jupiter Lakes are not formally established and hikers must scramble (900 ft. drop in elevation) down to the lakes. There is no water along the trail, so carry adequate water. **NOTE: Stoves only above 3,500 feet elevation. Groups consisting of more than 12 people are prohibited within the Wilderness.**

NOTE: Recreation Pass **NOT REQUIRED** at this trailhead.

LOWER SOUTH FORK SKOKOMISH TRAIL #873

ACCESS: Travel US Highway 101 to the Skokomish Valley Road, 7 miles north of Shelton and 7 miles south of Hoodsport. Turn west on the Valley Road and drive about 5 miles to the junction with FS Road #23. Turn right and proceed for 9.0 miles to FS Road #2353. Turn right onto FS Road #2353 and drive 1.2 miles to the trailhead.

LENGTH: 10.3 miles. **GRADE:** Gradual to moderate. **ELEVATION:** 800' to 1,250'.

SETTING: River valley and old-growth forest.

OPPORTUNITIES: Excellent hike through lowland old-growth forest with abundant wildlife and lowland wildflowers. Good trail for mountain bikes, horses, and fishing in nearby river.

Lebar Horse Camp (stock users only) is open May to October and is located near the Lower South Fork Skokomish trailhead. Trail can be muddy during periods of heavy rain.

NOTE: A valid Recreation Pass is **REQUIRED** at this trailhead

DRY CREEK TRAIL #872

ACCESS: Travel US Highway 101 to Hoodspport. Turn onto State Route #119 (Lake Cushman Road) and travel 9.0 miles to the junction with FS Road #24. Turn left and travel 6.0 miles to FS Road #2451. Turn left, go across the causeway over the North Fork Skokomish River, and trailhead is approximately 100 yards up on the left side of the road.

LENGTH: 7.0 miles. **GRADE:** Flat to steep. **ELEVATION:** 750' to 3,700'.

SETTING: Forest to ridge top.

OPPORTUNITIES: Hike along shore of Lake Cushman for 1 1/4 miles with views of lake and Mt. Rose. Trail starts to climb at this point and the old growth forest begins at halfway point.

NOTE: Trail begins on private road and ends on FS Road #2353-200 in the South Fork Skokomish Recreation Area. **NOTE:** A Recreation Pass is **NOT REQUIRED** at this trailhead.

WYNOOCHEE LAKE SHORE TRAIL #878

ACCESS: From State Route #12 at Montesano, turn north on Wynoochee Valley Road (1 mile west of Montesano) and drive approximately 35 miles on the Wynoochee Valley Road (FS Road #22) to a major intersection. Turn left. Stay on FS Road #22 and drive a short distance and turn right on FS Road #2294. Drive approximately one mile to the entrance of the Coho Campground. The Wynoochee Lake Shore Trail starts on the north side of Coho Campground.

LENGTH: 16-mile loop. **GRADE:** Rolling, easy to moderate. **ELEVATION:** 780' to 830'.

SETTING: Forest and lakeshore. The trail is one of four National Recreation Trails on the Olympic National Forest.

OPPORTUNITIES: Good trail for mountain biking, viewing lake, fishing, viewing old-growth forest and wildlife viewing. New section of trail provides access to a road bridge over the Wynoochee River above the lake. This adds 4 miles of trail to the total length of the trail (2 miles each side of river). Short hikes are possible from Coho Campground including the Working Forest Nature Trail.

NOTE: A Recreation Pass is **NOT REQUIRED** at this trailhead.